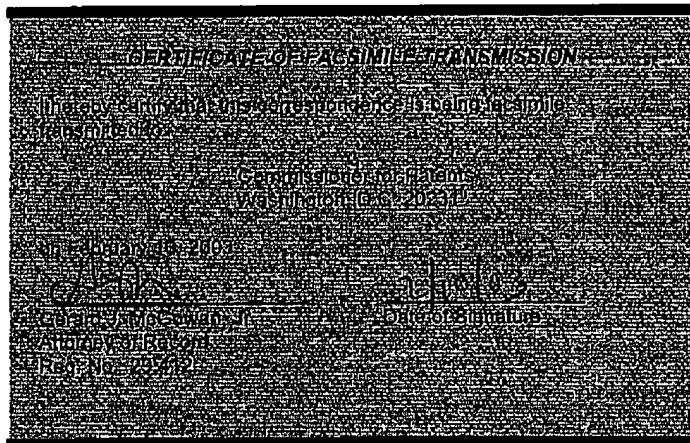


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Applicant: Van Eedenburg et al.
Serial No.: 09/737,377
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For: PROCESS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF EDIBLE SPREADS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a Response for two months from December 10, 2002 to February 10, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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